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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

To the Commissioner:

In the Restriction Requirement mailed November 8, 2004, in the above-captioned case, Applicants are directed to elect between seven species identified by the Examiner.

Applicants elect to pursue the claims of Species 1, claims 1-12 with traverse.

In the correspondence of Nov. 8, the Examiner states that none of the claims is generic to all species. Applicants respectfully disagree, and traverse the election of

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species requirement on the grounds that generic claims have been presented. Applicants maintain that at least claim 1 is generic to all identified species.

Applicants thus believe the requirement for election of species to be improper and request that all claims be examined.

If there are any questions concerning this Response, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned agent at (408) 869-2921.

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Respectfully submitted,

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